IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, amend the paragraph beginning at line 3 to read as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a continuation of United States patent application serial no. 09/475,797 filed 12/30/1999. ~~A cross reference of related application are provided at the end of the Detailed Description of Preferred Embodiments section of the present application.~~

Page 57, amend the paragraph beginning at line 2 to read as follows:

Now a method of billing IP broadband subscribers and of locating a least cost route for a communication will be described in some detail with reference to Figures 7-11. Fig. 7 is a collection of screen portions which may comprise screens displayed on displays to users of the present invention such as call set up screens, call progress screens and alternative call routing screens. ~~U.S. Application Serial No. (IDS 113688) filed December 28, 1999 entitled "A Method Deployed in a Local Access Network for Billing Customers Having IP Telephony Service with Multiple Levels of Security"~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,363,150 issued 03/26/2002 under the title "Billing method for customers having IP telephony service with multiple levels of security" by V. J. Bhagavath discloses a method of billing for multiple levels of security and its principles may be combined with the principles of the present invention for providing billing for multiple levels of quality of service and bit rates.

Page 58, amend the paragraph beginning at line 24 to read as follows:

Figure 7(c) is a representative screen portion whereby a user may select and/or the screen portion may display a preferred service provider for a segment of a communication. As discussed above, and in accordance with the prior art in the United States, a subscriber may have only one preferred long distance provider. Although the user may ~~subscriber~~ subscribe to multiple Internet service providers. typically a user has only one subscription. A called party may also have a preferred service provider and choose to pay for their segment(s) of the call. The present invention anticipates the opportunity to change service providers in real time in response to user inputs. Initially, a user enters their service provider identities. The user classifies the service provider as wireless, long distance, Internet or the like via bar 722. One process for identifying a service provider to a type involves providing a number of service providers in a vertical bar. As the user types A, after selecting long distance at bar 722, then AT&T may appear in an alphabetical list of long distance carriers. Or after typing A and selecting Internet, the user might automatically see AOL appear on the display. The user may specify a segment of a call in segment vertical bar 725. For example, the user may specify that the called party is to be reached first via bar 722 of wireless phone at a far end segment 725. Typically, the first near end segment will be via the internet from a calling party. The calling party and called parties may negotiate over who pays for intermediate segments but the default choice will be the calling party.